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Using Interest Convergence to Win Animal Rights





Interest Convergence

The theory that the majority will only support the interests of the minority if their interests align.

Derrick Bell
Co-founder of Critical Race Theory

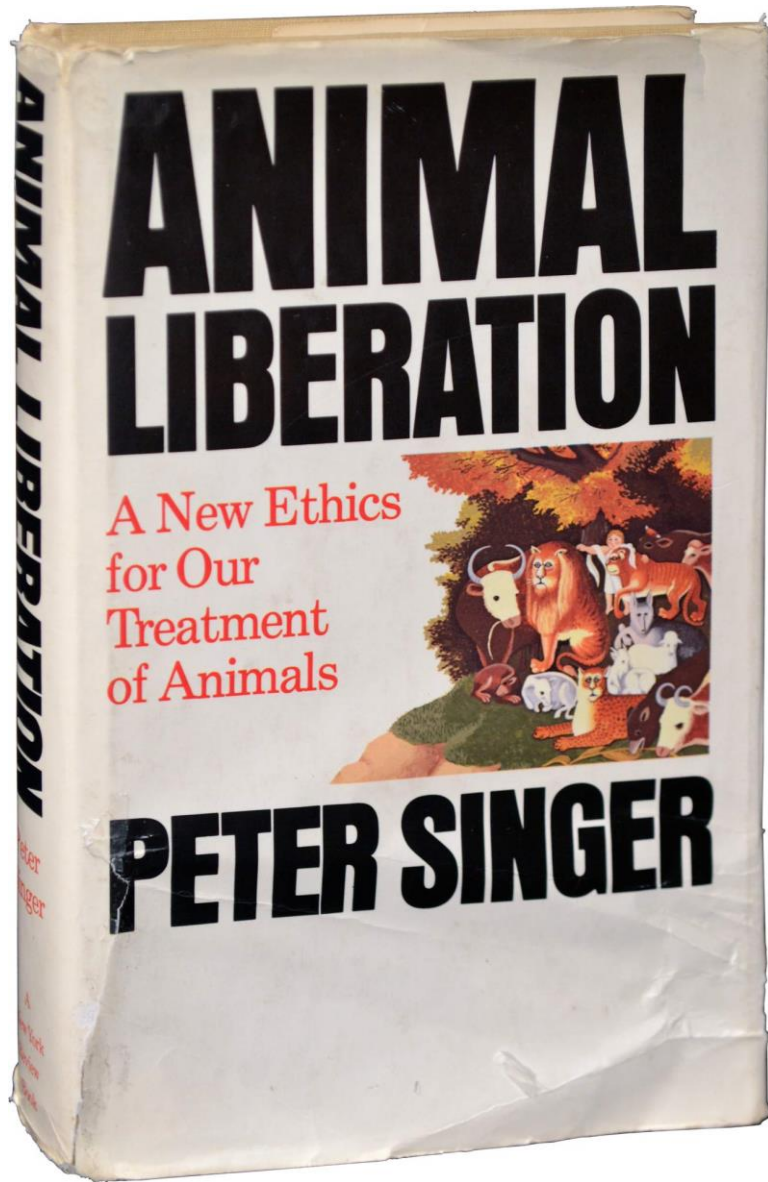


Prescriptive Use of Interest Convergence

While avoiding its pitfalls

- Utilitarian arguments
- Human Health
- Environmentalism
- Disease vectors
- Shift to ethical considerations



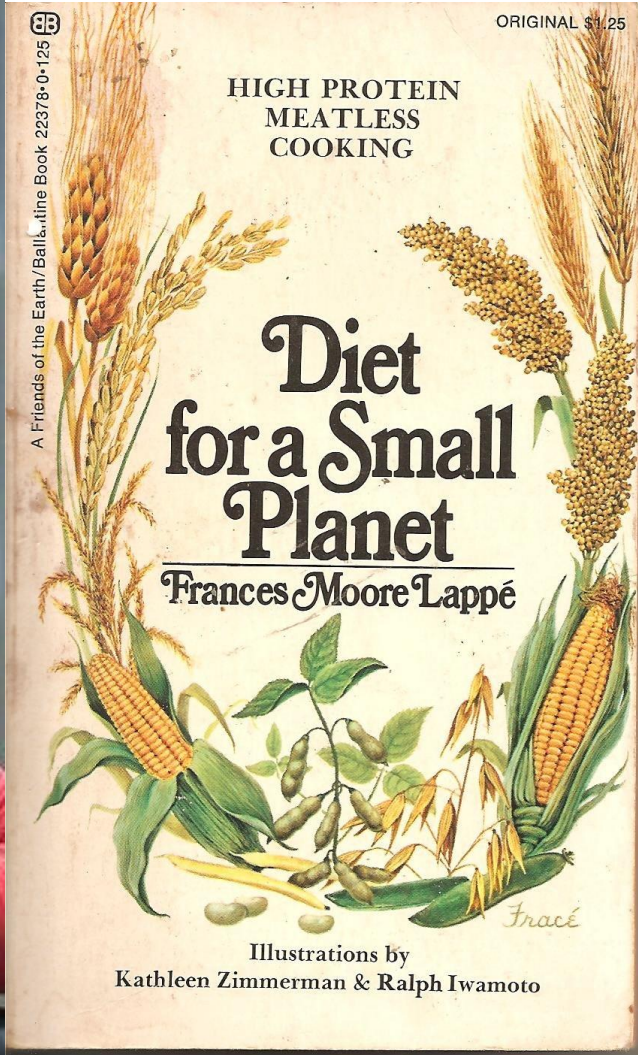


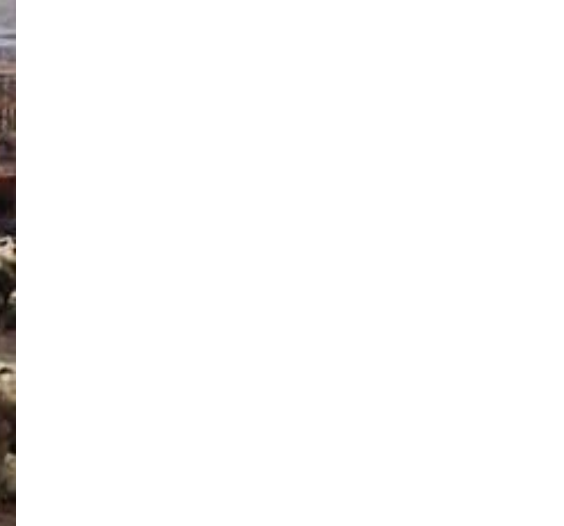
Utilitarianism

- Jeremy Bentham, Founder of Modern Utilitarianism
- Peter Singer, Moral Philosopher



Converging Interest: Health





Converging Interest: Environmentalism

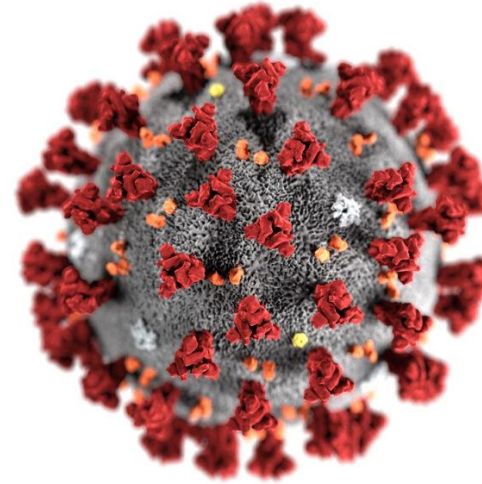


Converging Interest: Zoonotic Disease

History of Zoonotic Diseases

COVID-19

The “Big One”



Recent Examples

- 2009 Swine Flu Outbreak
- Bird Flu in 2014, 2016, and 2017
- SARS in 2003
- MERS in 2014



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- Habit Formation
- Animal Exploitation as the primary basis
- Avoiding the pitfalls of interest convergence

Thank you for your time and for this opportunity.

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